

Tribe holds back Liberty  
Defense stops Flames on fourth down to clinch a  
victory under the lights.  
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William and Mary Night at New Town  
This Thursday, New Town will offer door prizes, discounts and  
raffles, as well as a live band, for College students.  
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BEAU BLUMBERG — THE FLAT HAT

A propped door allows people to enter residence halls without using student ID cards.

## 5 dorms unsecured

By ALISAN VANCE  
The Flat Hat

A Flat Hat investigation found that at least five dorms on campus can be entered without the use of an ID card. When notified of the findings, Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler said he was “greatly concerned.”

“Keeping doors operable and locked and screens secure is critical to the safety of those who live in our residence halls,” Sadler said.

The investigation found that four freshman dorms and one upperclassman dorm were not secured.

Taliaferro Hall, located near the Campus Center, is home to 49 freshmen. While all of the doors require an ID swipe for entrance, the kitchen windows on Taliaferro’s first floor were left unlocked. The screens, thin and flimsy, lack the reinforcement of the second screen with which many first floor windows are equipped. These second screens, made of thicker metal, help prevent entrance through punching or cutting the flimsier screen.

At Barrett Hall, the first floor bathroom and lobby windows proved similarly vulnerable. The most apparent opportunity for entry was an unsecured window in the bathroom on the west side of the first floor.

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## Discussing democracy

Lehrer, O'Connor and others sat on World Forum panel yesterday in W&M Hall

By MORGAN FIGA  
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Former Supreme Court Justice and current College Chancellor Sandra Day O'Connor, former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger and Dr. Ali M. Ansari, director of the Institute for Iranian Studies at University of St. Andrews, were in attendance at the World Forum on the Future of Democracy panel, “The Future of Democracy: Why does it Matter?” Moderated by Executive Anchor of the NewsHour, Jim Lehrer asked questions about religion, security, foreign policy and global markets, along with questions about their relation to democracy both at home and abroad.

The event was the conclusion of a year-long conference series hosted by the Jamestown 2007 delegation as part of an effort to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement. In addition to Monday’s panel, there have been several smaller panels run by scholars, public officials and experts discussing the future of democracy in a global context.

Yesterday’s panelists responded to questions from students and panelists from some of the other seminars.

Virginia Attorney General Robert McDonnell said he felt that the themes of the panel resonated strongly.

“I am excited all of you are here to



SPENCER ATKINSON — THE FLAT HAT

NewsHour anchor Jim Lehrer asked panelists, including Chancellor Sandra Day O'Connor, questions about democracy.

be part of this ongoing tradition in the American experiment that is democracy,” he said.

O'Connor, Eagleburger and Ansari all drew upon their different experiences to discuss the successes and failures of democracy and why it matters today.

“Democracy is not a solution to all

ills,” Ansari said. “It is the means to an end, not an end itself.”

Eagleburger, a former Board of Visitors member, offered advice to policymakers and discussed the importance of recognizing the threat of nuclear weapons.

“If we don’t deal with that now, we’re going to regret it, and our chil-

dren will regret it until they die,” he said.

Lehrer and the three panelists stressed that the discussion of democracy is still relevant today.

“[A country] isn’t a success by hanging the word democracy on some system,” O'Connor said. “Each of us has to be involved to make it work.”

## ‘Most Wanted’ student arrested

By CARL SIEGMUND  
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

One current and two former College students who call themselves “The Treehouse” were arrested last week and charged in connection with a Feb. 13, 2006 burglary at Innovation Hall at George Mason University. The group, which was caught on video surveillance, allegedly stole \$89,000 of electronic equipment including overhead projectors and computers, according to GMU police. Authorities also believe the suspects committed a series of similar thefts at the College, Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., and Elon University in North Carolina.

“After investigating, I think we’ll find additional colleges and other individuals involved,” GMU police Detective Tom Bacigalupi said.

It was a tip from a Baltimore pawn shop owner that finally led police to one of the burglars seen on the surveillance tape at GMU. Curtis White, 23, of McLean, Va., was apprehended at an apartment in Philadelphia, Pa. Sept. 5 after details of the ongoing investigation aired on the TV program “America’s Most Wanted” in late August.

Once White was captured,

two other members of “The Treehouse” were detained, including Crystal Davis ’07, of Richmond, Va., and Jason Cutler ’08, of Chesterfield, Va.



PHOTO TAKEN FROM FACEBOOK.COM  
Jason Cutler '08

Cutler, the only enrolled student in the group, was arrested last week in Williamsburg. A fourth suspect, John McLean of Midlothian, who is also a fugitive on drug charges in James City County, apparently fled the country for Europe. The College students were roommates at the College, according to an “America’s Most Wanted” report.

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## The math behind bids

By ANDY GARDEN  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

A knock on a door and a friendly, welcoming message ended Bid Week for many new sorority sisters Sunday. Bid Day is the culmination of the Sorority Recruitment process that began weeks ago.

The recruitment process is much more complicated than it may appear.

The Inter-Sorority Council’s 2005 Recruitment guidelines specify the rules by which recruitment must take place. The ISC is the governing body of Greek Life at the College and is a student-run group, according to Anne Arseneau, assistant director for Greek Life at the College.

The rules governing sorority Recruitment are designed to prevent any sorority from gaining an unfair advantage over another during the crucial period when girls look at houses and decide whether or not to participate in Recruitment. The rules also work to prevent unfair influences that could result from contact with sorority members, such as RAs and OAs, prior

to the building process. According to the ISC’s rules, “a potential new member must attend the maximum number of events to which she has been invited each day.”

“Recruitment can be an overwhelming process for everyone involved. But I think that the process does a great job of allowing the sororities to get to know the potential new members [of] the sorority,” Sarah Black ’10 said.

The Recruitment process is designed to acclimate potential new sisters to the various sororities in order to ensure a good match. Black said that this process is essential to ensure a new sister’s future success in her sorority.

“In the long run, any stress associated with recruitment is so worth it,” Black said. “I knew, because of going through the recruitment process, that my sorority was without a doubt the one for me. I loved all of the girls I met in the house during recruitment, and I felt so comfortable there,” she added.

According to the College’s Office of Greek Life, about 28 percent of

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## Interning in D.C. leads to jobs

30 percent involved in ‘W&M in Washington’ were offered jobs

By SARAH OWMERHLE  
The Flat Hat

It might be hard for many students at the College to imagine working and studying in Washington, D.C., but that is exactly what a growing number of College students are now doing each semester in the year-old “W&M in Washington” program.

In fall 2006, the “W&M in Washington” program was initiated to give a small group of College students the opportunity, for one semester, to take an internship in Washington, D.C. focusing on arts, politics, or the media, while earning 12 credit hours. This past semester, the popularity and benefits of the program grew when a reported 30 percent of the stu-



COURTESY PHOTO — ROXANE ADLER

Students intern and take classes in D.C. as part of the program.

dents involved were offered summer or full-time jobs at their respective internships.

One of those students is Ryan Powers ’08, who, after an intensive spring internship with the political blogging website Thinkprogress.org, was offered a temporary summer position, and a full-time job following graduation.

“It definitely takes the pressure off of senior year. It surprised me how easy it is, if you just take those opportunities out there for you, to get started and actively participate in politics,” Powers said.

Powers applied to various internships, but only Thinkprogress.org responded within a day.

“I’ve read Think Progress a lot, and I’m a government major, so this internship interested me right away,” Powers said.

He admits that he was worried about the program at first. “The theme [at the time] was about arts, and it didn’t really apply to my interests, but I still found an internship that worked perfectly for me.”

His job included fact-checking, gathering the daily news from across the country, and “keeping track of the news and politics of the day.” Soon, Powers found himself by-lined in numerous articles. Some other highlights of his internship at Thinkprogress included meeting Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, and sitting in on speeches by Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. Ted Kennedy.

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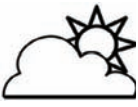
Weather

Tuesday




High 78°  
Low 62°

Wednesday



High 82°  
Low 67°

Thursday



High 85°  
Low 66°

Source: www.weather.com

Quote of the Week

“ I don’t know how they did it, I didn’t know we stopped them....somebody stepped up in there and we made a stop. ”

—Head Coach Jimmye Laycock on the double-overtime game against Liberty University Saturday.  
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News in Brief

Business school ranks 17th in national survey

In a recent WSJ/Harris Interactive survey, the College’s Mason School of Business ranked 17th regionally. The survey asked various business leaders to rank each school on 21 different attributes. Characteristics considered include a business’s future plans to recruit at various business schools and the number of business leaders who said they had recruited at the school recently. Last year, the College also ranked 17th.

The survey also consisted of a national ranking and an international ranking. The ESADE academic institution in Spain received first place internationally while the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College received the same honor nationally. The Marriott School at Brigham Young University received the first place rank for regional standings.

College working on student exchange partnerships

The U.S. State Department recently provided the College with a \$200,000 grant to help establish student exchange partnerships with universities in Syria, Egypt and Morocco. The new exchange programs are responding in part to an increased demand for people skilled in Middle Eastern and North African languages and are crafted to compete with foreign students who are already skilled in other cultures who come to the U.S. to study.

Today, the College offers 15 exchange programs with foreign schools in several countries, along with 13 summer study abroad programs. Of the 5,500 current undergraduate students at the College, 706 studied abroad last year.

The College is also working with universities in South Africa, the United Arab Emirates and Poland as it adapts to an increasingly global society.

— by Isshin Teshima

By the Numbers

122

The number of electoral democracies in the world, according to independent monitoring group Freedom House. Citizens of 89 countries, making up 46 percent of the world’s population, are considered to “enjoy a climate of respect for civil liberties.”

754

The number of students in the “Renew Gene Nichol’s Presidency” Facebook group, or 13 percent of the full-time undergraduate student body.

50 percent

The proportion of college students who used instant messaging in a July 2004 estimate, according to a Pew Center report. Over 75 percent of those students used AOL Instant Messenger.

3.4 megabytes

The amount by which Google increases its e-mail storage limit daily for users of its free Gmail service. As of Monday, the current limit was 2.902 gigabytes.

1 in 4,165

The odds of getting four of a kind in a poker hand.

— by Maxim Lott



COURTESY PHOTO — WIKIPEDIA COMMONS.  
The Grove House, located on Pitzer College’s campus, is a popular hangout for college students.

BEYOND THE BURG

California college first to offer class on YouTube

Pitzer College’s new class gains attention through popular internet site

By ISSHIN TESHIMA  
The Flat Hat

Pitzer College, a private, liberal arts college in California, gained national recognition this fall for being the first school to offer a class examining the internet video-sharing website YouTube.com. The class, taught by media studies Professor Alexandra Juhasz, states that its aim is to examine and investigate the effects of YouTube on various aspects of everyday life.

YouTube is also used as a tool within the classroom. Every session of class is taped and posted on YouTube. Juhasz said in her introductory video that the class is an “experiment,” and she hopes outside observers will critique the class after viewing the clips online.

“It’s a class like I’ve never taught before and a class I’m not certain has ever been taught

before,” Juhasz said during the introductory video.

While students are required to watch certain videos and comment on the videos’ content as well as post homework assignments online, students are also encouraged to post videos of their own in order to investigate how people react to them in the form of comments. One student posted a 1.5-minute video of himself juggling.

Students will eventually get the chance to tape the class sessions, choosing how the camera is controlled and learning about video production.

“I’m interested to see where this goes afterward, if this catches on at other colleges,” one student said about the first class session video.

Juhasz said that she views the course as rigorous. She notes that it challenges students to ask basic questions about media and society. Topics that the

class hopes to cover include the role of media expression and pedagogy, or the science of the benefits of learning subject material online versus in person. The first section of the course consists of posting homework assignments on YouTube. Later, students will choose a thesis topic and conduct research using only YouTube.

“That’s the whole charm of the class,” Juhasz said. “It’s about it, and on it. You are living in it.”

The class, which has roughly 50 students, has already become popular at Pitzer College, where the average class size is fewer than 15 students.

Students have already posted extensive comments under the first class session video, including requests for a clearer video image of the syllabus and a transcript of class discussions. One student posted a comment saying the class was “the bomb.”

STREET BEAT

What do you think about Tribe football going up against Va. Tech?



I think our team is going to fight hard.      We have a lot to go up against.      We’re going to lose.      It represents the growing influence of our football team in the CAA.

Danielle DeBacker '11      Shane Cooley '10      Ryan Rasmus '09      Ryan Forster '09

— photos and interviews by Emily Hahn

CITY POLICE BEAT

Sept. 10 to Sept. 16

**Monday, Sept. 10** — A white male was arrested at the intersection of Bypass Road and Parkway Drive for driving with a suspended license for the second time. **1**

— A black male was arrested for being drunk in public on the 300 block of Richmond Road. **2**

— A black male was arrested for being drunk in public on the 1300 block of Richmond Road. **3**

— An individual reported a laptop computer stolen on the 1400 block of Richmond Road. The suspect is still at large. **4**

**Wednesday, Sept. 12** — A black male was arrested on the 400 block of Richmond Road for assault. The victim suffered a minor cut on the cheek. **5**

— A white male and a black male were arrested on the 3000 block of Richmond Road for possession of marijuana. The white male was also charged with impersonating a law enforcement officer. **6**

**Thursday, Sept. 13** — A black male was arrested for being drunk in public on the 1400 block of Richmond Road. **4**

**Friday, Sept. 14** — A white female and a male were arrested on the 2600 block of Westgate Circle for domestic assault and battery. The male suffered a swollen cheek and the female suffered scratches and bruises on her

arms, neck and the back of her leg. **6**

— A black female was arrested on the 3000 block of Richmond Road. She was charged with a hit and run, driving under the influence for the third time and child neglect. **6**

**Saturday, Sept. 15** — A black male was arrested on the intersection of North Henry Street and Lafayette Street for driving with a suspended license. **7**

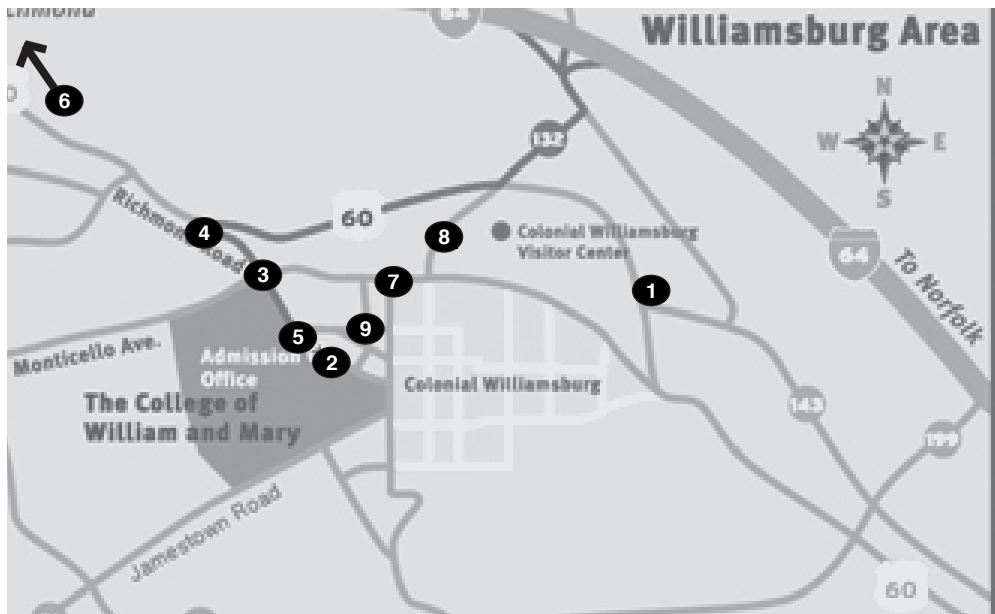
— A black male was arrested on the 300

block of Dunning Street for being drunk in public, possession of marijuana and destruction of property. **8**

— A flat screen television was stolen from the 200 block of Thomas Nelson Lane. **6**

**Sunday, Sept. 16** — A black male was arrested for assault on the 600 block of Scotland Street. There were no injuries. **9**

— Compiled by Isshin Teshima





# Parking rates increased

By MICHELLE JU  
*The Flat Hat*

Because of an increased demand for parking permits, there are about 100 fewer leftover parking spaces than last year, according to parking services.

Parking and Transportation Manager Bill Horatio III said parking services was trying to balance the desire for permits with the limited space and a campus design that encourages walking. He added that students should not be concerned about the lower number of extra spaces.

He said any given space will be used 85 to 90 percent of each year. This semester, parking services has estimated that spaces are more heavily occupied by day students Mondays and Wednesdays between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. than last year.

One reason for the fluctuation in parking availability is construction across campus.

“We take spaces away,” Horatio said. “Once the [construction] project is complete, they become available again. I don’t think we’d have day student parking problems if we had more space near Morton. When construction is done, spaces will return.”

Parking decal prices rose nearly 15 percent from last year for an increase from \$240 to \$275. While there were slight fluctuations in parking rates for faculty and staff, depending on income levels, student rates were set at \$275.

Horatio felt the rate increase was justified.

“One of the responsibilities of parking services is to support itself — raise revenue for operational costs of the department itself and the maintenance of decks and lots,” he said.

Parking spots at Monticello Avenue’s Sentara Hospital lot have appealed to those students who are technically not allowed to have cars on campus — social sophomores with academic junior standing. Currently, parking services has sold 105 spots out of 215 available spaces, 25 of which are reserved for faculty and staff.

The College plans to continue maintaining the availability of parking spots and accommodating students’ needs.

“We do a very good job of managing utilization,” Horatio said.

# Eickel resigns at JMU

By AUSTIN WRIGHT  
*Flat Hat News Editor*

Effective tomorrow, James Madison University student government President Brandon Eickel has resigned amid a plagiarism scandal that divided the JMU community. It was discovered that nearly half of the bulleted goals listed on Eickel’s campaign website were taken from the campaign website of College Student Assembly President Zach Pilchen ’09 and Vice President Valerie Hopkins ’09.

“In the best interests of the JMU student body and the Student Government Association, I have decided to resign as Student Body President,” Eickel said in a statement released Friday. “It is my hope that this decision will allow the SGA to renew its focus in helping students.”

JMU’s SGA senate voted Tuesday not to impeach Eickel but instead to censure him, reported JMU’s student newspaper, The Breeze. At least one senator had planned to resign and organize sit-ins at future senate meetings to protest the decision not to impeach Eickel. JMU will hold a special election to determine Eickel’s replacement.

# Sorority recruitment ends

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College women, or about 825 students, are members of one of the College’s 12 sororities.

The 72 percent of women not participating have a variety of reasons for their choice.

“I decided not to rush any so-

rorities at the College because it’s a large time commitment that I cannot dedicate myself to,” Amanda Eclipse ’10 said.

In addition, Eclipse cited the financial obligations of sororities as a key reason she did not wish to participate. Greek members have to pay hundreds of dollars in dues

a year.

For those receiving bids, Sunday was the rewarding end to a long, exhaustive process.

For those who did not receive a bid, sorority recruitment also occurs in the spring. However, not all sororities choose to participate in spring rush.

# WM Washington a success

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“Bill O’Reilly even responded to one of our web blog posts,” Powers said. “It was surreal. [Working there] was a blast.”

Thomas Gillespie ’09 summarized the program in a similar manner. After working for National Public Radio during his spring semester, he was offered a summer position to further his knowledge of radio journalism.

“I worked with NPR on a show “All Things Considered,” a kind of afternoon news magazine with a wide range of stories from across the country,” Gillespie said.

During a typical day, Gillespie did everything from production work to editing, booking, cold calls and even running scripts to radio personalities such as Robert Segal.

“At first it was kind of daunting and I didn’t have any real expectations of the application, but then I got a call and was totally floored,” Gillespie said.

He theorizes that his lucky start in the radio world was based mostly on the William & Mary in Washington program itself.

“I think what helped me get an internship was the fact that employers know you’re in a structured environment with professors, grades and classes, and it’s a sense of security in that they know you’re going to give it your all because of what’s at stake,” Gillespie said.

He adds that “[W&M in Washington Program Director] Roxanne Adler is great with networking, and really was instrumental in legitimatizing our connections and internships in Washington.”

At the station, Gillespie did daily background research on guests ranging from the national spelling bee winner to “the guy that resurrected the American elm tree.”

Though each day was interesting, Gillespie highlights a few special memories.

“One day I got to work with Senior News Analyst Daniel Schorr, who created new journalism and was truly remarkable to work with. There are also many different interns for different shows at NPR, so we had this show, ‘Intern Edition,’ where I got to be host,” Gillespie said.

For someone interested in radio work, an internship such

as this reaffirmed Gillespie’s passion.

“[Public radio] is a really important source of information; it really is the most democratic means of distributing information,” Gillespie said. “This internship opened up a lot of opportunities I wouldn’t have had without that position.”

As for living in Washington, D.C., both students described the experience as priceless.

“Aside from being the center of the political world, D.C. is a very vibrant place to live full of venues, interesting neighborhoods and cultural centers,” Gillespie said.

Gillespie also cited his peers as part of the reason for his unique experience.

“Everyone came back each day with such different stories from internships ranging from art museums to online blogging. It was really enriching and beneficial,” he said.

Powers was also pleased with his experience in the nation’s capitol.

“I definitely recommend the “W&M in Washington” program. It meshed well with my major and interests. I got so plugged in to Washington,” Powers said.

# Students part of ‘Treehouse’

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This summer, investigators quickly linked the GMU theft to a July burglary at Huntley Hall on the campus of Washington and Lee, in which \$44,690 worth of overhead projectors was stolen.

“We couldn’t put a name with a face until the case in Lexington,” Bacigalupi said.

After a Lexington, Va. police officer found the overhead projectors on sale for \$1,300 each on the online auction site eBay.com, authorities connected the crimes.

They then went to pawn shops in Baltimore, Md. where they found some of the stolen equipment.

“I’m very pleased but not surprised by the cooperation of all the police departments in this case,” Don Challis, the chief of Campus Police, said.

He said his department is currently in the process of determining what thefts the the Treehouse group has committed at the College in the last year.

He would not comment further about the investigation.



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# Five dorms prove easily accessible

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Attached only at the top, the screen in the bathroom could be pulled open from the outside without difficulty. Barrett Hall, once an all-girls dorm, is now a co-ed dorm where 176 freshmen reside.

The two largest freshman dorms, Yates and Dupont Halls, which hold 266 and 264 respectively, were also accessible. At Yates, an entrance to a common room in the back of the building was unlocked.

A back door to Dupont did not close all the way behind entering students. In addition, the sliding doors to the first floor balcony at Dupont were not locked.

The final oversight revealed was a crawl space beneath Chandler Hall. Entrance to this could be obtained through window-like apertures at ground level. The crawl space connects to the building through an unlocked cubby in the basement near the laundry room.

When expressing concern, Sadler added that dedication to safety is shared by both the administration and Residence Life. He said that it is the responsibility of the Residence Life staff to check all doors during their nightly rounds, and a repairman is on call at all times so that security breakdowns can be rectified immediately.

"Safety is everyone's responsibility," he said. "If we all report situations as soon as we first see them, we can help make the campus safer for ourselves and for others."

Don Challis, chief of Campus

Police, shared the sentiment that security is an area where the campus community cannot afford to be passive or naive.

"Students aren't always aware of life's realities," Challis said. "On a campus so serene and calm, it is easy to forget about basic security issues."

Challis criticized the common student practices of leaving doors unlocked or propped. Having worked on three different college campuses, Challis noticed similar behavior from other students as well. "When we're young, we don't always think about these things."

If students notice a door that is functioning improperly or a window that provides easy access to a dorm, Challis said that the proper step is to inform Campus Police or a member of the Residence Life staff as soon as possible.

## CLASSIFIEDS

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Forum brings pride

Last night’s World Forum on the Future of Democracy provided welcome insight into political realities that the United States and other nations will have to face in the coming years. We are proud that the College hosted this high-profile event, which marked the end of the year-long 400th anniversary of the founding of the Jamestown Settlement.

Serving as panelists in the forum were former Supreme Court Justice and current College Chancellor Sandra Day O’Connor, former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger and Ali M. Ansari from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. We welcomed the visit of moderator Jim Lehrer, who serves as the anchor and executive editor of PBS’s “NewsHour.” The gravitas Lehrer brings to political discussions from his years as a national correspondent brought prestige and recognition to the forum and the College.

The College is privileged to have figures such as O’Connor and Eagleburger, who once served on the College’s Board of Visitors. The College’s connection to important figures in American politics should remind students that, despite the College’s occasional funding problems, we are part of a community that it is at once historic and relevant to the most significant issues of the day. The entire yearlong Jamestown anniversary also highlights this dichotomy, celebrating America’s historic past while also discussing its future.

We appreciated the panelists’ frank discussion on democracy. Rather than hailing democratic systems

as infallible, all three panelists acknowledged that there remain challenges, even to the developed American democracy. O’Connor noted that a nation “isn’t a success by hanging the word democracy on some system.” O’Connor explained that for the system to work, all participants have to be absolutely dedicated. We appreciate that sentiment.

Largely missing in recent years at the College have been high profile and consequential political showcases like last night’s forum. In 1976, the College hosted a nationally televised presidential debate between President Gerald Ford and then-

Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter. Since then, we have occasionally hosted newsmakers such as former President George H. W. Bush, former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan and

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. However, their appearances have not generally been geared toward significant policy discussion. For a college as historic as ours, we encourage the return of national leaders and newsmakers. We hope that administrators can continue to keep the College a prominent place for public discussion and debate.

Outside of the public session held at William and Mary Hall, Defense Secretary Robert Gates ’65 spoke of democracy abroad, especially in relation to the Bush administration’s Iraq War policy. While Iraq will remain a divisive issue for a nation that is increasingly concerned about the direction of the war, we are happy that this debate is happening here, at our College and in our city.

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The Flat Hat welcomes submissions to the Opinions section. Letters to the Editor and Opinions columns are due at 5 p.m. Sunday for publication the following Tuesday and at 5 p.m. Wednesday for the following Friday. All submissions must be typed and double-spaced, and must include the author’s name, telephone number and any relevant titles or affiliations with campus or national groups. Letters may be no more than 300 words; columns may be no more than 700 words. Letters must be e-mailed to opinions@flathatnews.com. The Flat Hat reserves the right to edit all material. Because of space limitations, The Flat Hat may not publish all submissions. The Flat Hat Editorial Board meets before each issue to discuss the position taken by editorials. Unsigned editorials are written by a designated member of the Editorial Board. All Board editorials reflect the consensus of the Editorial Board. Letters, columns, graphics and cartoons reflect the view of the author only.

College energy crisis

Max Fisher

FLAT HAT CHIEF STAFF WRITER



No one is happy about the College’s budget crisis. The governor demanded the College cut seven percent of the state portion of its budget, or \$3.4 million, annually. Recently, I heard a professor in the English department mention one of the first and most potentially damaging effects of these cuts: a temporary freeze on all new hires.

The financial ills of the English department are already serious and can only be compounded by cuts. One of the department’s most popular professors was denied a tenure-track position last spring, despite a petition from students pleading for her to be retained. The creative writing faculty, while talented, remains understaffed. And the unmistakable rank of sewage still floats daily through the classrooms in Tucker Hall.

My professor had the tact not to mention these things when he brought up the budget cuts. He only sighed in an implicit acknowledgment of the coming belt-tightening and the damage it can do; all departments are hurt by a hiring freeze. Then he walked over to the wall and adjusted the air conditioning. The classroom was already cool, though it was over 90 degrees outside. Soon it was colder. The students began to reflexively rub their arms and hunch their backs to keep warm. Several put on sweaters they kept in their bags for just such over-cooled classrooms. After class, everyone left with the lights still on and the air conditioning still blasting.

There are similar scenes all across campus: we bemoan the budget cuts as we overuse and abuse the energy it takes to run campus. Last year, we spent \$6.5 million powering the College. A study available on Greeningwm.com shows that, per person, our campus produces more carbon dioxide (and thus consume more energy) than the average American, and three times as much as the average German. It estimates that our little university produces more carbon dioxide than the entire country of Chad, which has a population just over ten million. We are truly America’s “hottest small state school.”

We have two choices. We can continue to do nothing about our rampant energy use, allowing budget cuts to deteriorate the College’s academics in the same way that our carbon dioxide emissions deteriorate the fragile beauty of the Virginia landscape. Or we can seize this as an opportunity. By slowing energy usage across campus, we reduce both expenses and carbon emissions, thus preserving our academics as well as our environment.

The Student Environmental Action Coalition describes what they call the “low-hanging fruit” of energy efficiency at the College. These initia-

tives would be relatively cheap and easy and would yield significant short-term savings. Many of them address the “hotel mentality” so many of us harbor — that the reason we refrigerate massive academic buildings, leave lights on in empty classrooms and leave computers humming after-hours in locked labs is because we, as individuals, are not personally responsible for paying the bill. Meanwhile, our energy spending is through the roof and we cannot afford to tenure some of our most talented professors.

Or we could install motion sensors that turn off lights when classrooms are empty. Computers could be set to go to “sleep” mode when not in use. SEAC has particularly stressed installing energy meters in every campus building, thus allowing the College to track which have adopted the most effective energy-saving practices. Students would be unlikely to be the focus — residence halls consume only a quarter of the energy on campus despite being the only buildings in continuous use. Professors and administrators, however, status-focused as they are, would surely bend to social pressure to not be the most wasteful. It would certainly be in their interest, given that it is their own salaries they could be saving.

A compact fluorescent bulb lending program, in which more efficient \$2 bulbs are lent to students

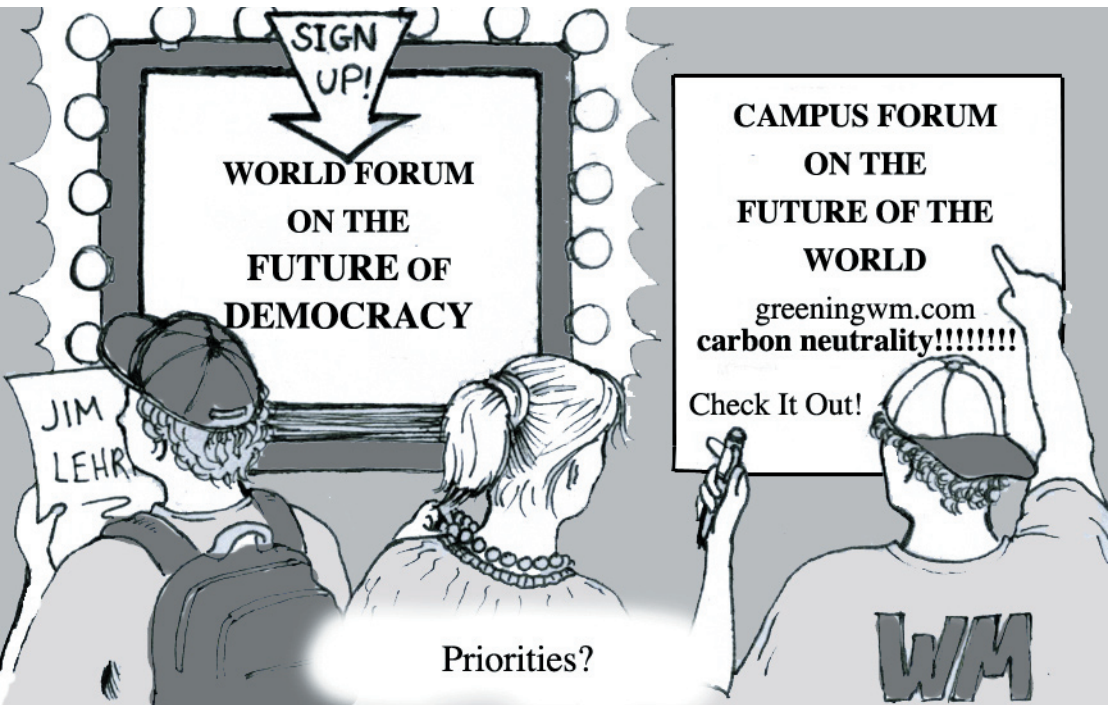
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so to use in place of incandescent bulbs, is another sure way to save money. Each replaced bulb can save \$10 in annual energy costs. Given the thousands of students living on campus, and that a compact fluorescent bulb lasts several years, this translates into tens of thousands of dollars in the first year and more in the following years. Enough to hire a new professor or retain an unaffordable one. Maybe two.

Perhaps the most lucrative improvement the College could make in energy efficiency would be to commission an Energy Service Corporation audit of the College’s energy use. The service is free and the auditors do all the work. (Auditors take a percentage of their client’s savings as their fee, though only for a couple of years.) A recent audit on William and Mary Hall reduced energy consumption by 40 percent, saving the College \$200,000.

And that’s just one of the hundred or so buildings on campus. If we commission an ESCO audit of them all, this budget crisis might just be resolved. We could save our academic departments from damaging cuts or hiring freezes. And who knows — we might even get to save our environment, too.

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By NATE BURGESS, FLAT HAT GRAPHICS EDITOR

Jena 6 deserve justice

Kalyani Phansalkar

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



We live in a bubble. The brick walls of our campus cushion us from unwanted reality, providing a fluffy and warm existence within. In Jena, La. this is not the case. Racial tensions have been escalating in a local high school in Jena since last summer, when a black student sat on a bench that was unofficially designated for white students.

According to a Sept.14 article on WashingtonPost.com, six black students were arrested and charged with attempted murder after a fight with a white classmate. After occasional fights at my high school, the accused would generally get a week of after-school detention or a few days of suspension. But being arrested and accused of attempted second-degree murder? This has gone beyond the gravity of a mere fight.

Racial tensions still exist in rural parts of the South, which is a painful fact. But it becomes more frightening when members of our generation shamelessly exacerbate them. And what’s worse is the lack of punishment they receive from their elders. Picture the grotesque image of three colored nooses hanging from a tree as a warning — this cannot be dismissed as a prank; it is a full-fledged hate crime. According to a Sept. 4 article on CNN.com, the perpetrators of this crime were first expelled, but then had their punishment reduced to a few days of suspension. Big surprise.

This incident has grabbed national attention and thousands of protestors are planning to march on the day of sentencing, Sept. 20. That’s great. But what is anyone going to do about this on, say, Dec. 7? The

media has a ridiculously short attention span and, because of it, so does the public. When we turn our heads the other way after a while, something like this may happen again, as it did now. So what do we do? Do we keep our eyes peeled in constant vigilance for such an episode? If only there was a step-by-step procedure we could follow to put a definitive end to this. But there is none.

Even though there are no overnight schemes to make it all better, we can still start making motions towards progress. It is disturbing to see youths of our generation committing acts that are utterly disgusting and incomprehensible. But we have to see them. Ignorance cannot be a choice.

It’s hard to come out of a soft, lathering bubble — I know. It’s like waking up early on an icy winter morning and deciding to walk out on your warm and overwhelmingly inviting bed. But it has to be done. We shouldn’t have to wait for something like this to happen to show our concern and sympathy.

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By showing that we care and are intolerant of such incidents, we will be able to lessen the intensity of such tensions, if not eliminate them completely.

It is true that, as college students, we can get very few to lend their ears and listen to all that we have to say. However, we can still increase our awareness and knowledge now, so when it comes time for our voices to be heard, we know exactly what to say and do. One way or another, this has to stop, so we might as well start putting an end to it now.

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Eickel is not a crook

Paul Gottschling

GUEST COLUMNIST



James Madison University student government president Brandon Eickel’s ouster curtailed a two-flank collegiate excoriation-fest, one resting on an allegation that would make any deskbound student tremble: the P-word. A few samples: “This raises the broader issue of plagiarism among college students,” “[Eickel’s acts] would be deemed plagiarism at a very minimum,” “we were dismayed to hear that Brandon Eickel ... had plagiarized nearly half of his campaign platform” and so on, according to the Sept. 6 and 10 issues of The JMU Breeze and the Sept. 14 issue of The Flat Hat.

The firestorm appears jarring at first, considering the situations in which the word plagiarism normally shows up: Plagiarists purloin passages from books, mention ideas from scholars without citing their work and otherwise deny an author his or her due compensation for having labored over a keyboard. Compare this phenomenon to campaign trail mimicry, in which bumper sticker slogans predominate, and even help, the electoral process. Plagiarism thus seems to apply only to texts, such as books and scholarly articles.

Eickel’s brand of duplication, say detractors, lies closer to text-theft than to catchphrase-propagation. For example, Eickel’s promise to “turn leftover food into nutrient-rich compost for JMU’s flowerbeds and trees” mirrors Zach Pilchen and Valerie Hopkins’ promise to “turn leftover food into nutrient-rich compost for William and Mary’s flower beds,” without initially acknowledging the original.

Despite the glaring copy-paste ethos, Eickel’s missteps don’t quite qualify as plagiarism. As campaign messages, the two enumerated platforms extend beyond the words on their websites, forming inextricable facets of the campaigns. Unlike texts, campaign promises cannot exist independently of future action. Pilchen’s composting plan did not connote, “I think composting is a good idea,” but rather “If I gain office,

I will be moved to begin a composting program.”

Furthermore, Eickel could not have intended the same sorts of actions as Pilchen, even if their promises matched word for word. Indeed, descriptions of action cannot exclude the context for the action. Take this simplistic case: Person A and Person B may both support the general act of giving an apple, though Person A’s gift of the apple to please a teacher denotes a starkly divergent set of circumstances than Person B’s donation of an apple to feed a starving child. Here, while both people engage in “giving an apple,” it seems clear that the two instances of giving constitute two discrete acts, involving distinct sets of motives and consequences.

In fact, when examined more closely, Pilchen and Hopkins’ composting plan even precludes inter-collegiate resemblance. When Eickel writes of disseminating “Know Your Rights” cards, surely he does not imply an intention to convince the members of the SA Senate to appropriate funds in order to

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raise awareness of the College’s unique residential policies among a uniquely minded College constituency. While Eickel copied words, then, he did so for a vision of action all his own. Even if Eickel wanted to ape what he thought worked in order to get ahead, his platform diverged enough from its source to pose an inimitable array of challenges. Policy, it turns out, cannot be plagiarized.

Eickel, then, did not steal policy without attribution — that would be impossible. What he did do, though, was gain inspiration, apply that inspiration in a way that would suggest plagiarism and then, most likely inadvertently, indicate his version as copyrighted. That was where he blundered: his use of “copyright” tipped the aping issue from the realm of common courtesy to that much grimmer realm of legally punishable idea theft. Best of luck to the sloppy non-plagiarist.

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# New Town opens doors with discounts for students



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT  
New Town continues to grow in convenience with its new additions.

By **ASHLEY MORGAN**  
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With new stores and eateries continuously opening, New Town is a changing, and increasingly welcoming place for College students and faculty to go, spend money and have fun. This Thursday, the stores of New Town will open their doors specifically for students during William and Mary Night at New Town. The night’s festivities feature discounts at numerous stores, extended hours, various giveaways, free samples and a live band performance.

“William and Mary Night at New Town promises to be a great evening,” Sam Sadler, vice president for Student Affairs said. “What’s not to like about live music, prizes and discounts offered in a street party environment? And there is so much available at New Town now that wasn’t there a year ago. This special program

the merchants there have put together will be a fun way to learn what this fast-growing area on the edge of our campus has to offer.”

The night will begin at 7 p.m. and continue until 12:30 a.m. There will be shuttle buses running from the University Center, as well as on the regular Green and Gold route via the Williamsburg Area Transit system, taking students around campus and into New Town.

Snackbar Jones, a band based out of Virginia Beach, will perform on Main Street from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. “[Snackbar Jones has] played for us a couple times at Night at the Rec and Convocation,” Mark Constantine, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, said. “We just wanted someone to bring attention to [the events and activities].”

All students from the College in attendance will receive raffle tickets for numerous door prizes,

including two bikes, various gift certificates and movie passes. Victoria’s Secret and Barnes & Noble have donated gift certificates for the raffle. In addition, stores will offer special deals to students with their student ID.

The Corner Pocket is offering half-price pool games to all students from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. “We always do it every Monday night, so we just thought we would do it Thursday. We like to be part of the College,” Lynn Allison, owner of The Corner Pocket said. “We have had a great relationship with the students.”

Students will also receive a discount at various restaurants in New Town. At Buon Amici, students will be able to buy one slice of pizza and get another free from 5 p.m. to 12 a.m. California Tortilla is offering students free chips and queso. For a sweet treat to end the night, students can take advantage of

a 10 percent discount at Ben & Jerry’s or an even greater student deal at Maggie Moo’s. “We are doing a 20 percent discount for all William & Mary students,” Young Choi, owner of Maggie Moo’s said. “We are having an outdoor sale with an outside cart. We have a cow costume ... [so] a cow will be walking around New Town.”

Free prizes and discounted food will likely be tempting for students. “I heard about the discounts and I was there,” Marissa Bonhomme ’10 said. “New Town is awesome. This is just an excuse for me to go. I am excited for it.”

The event is meant to bring students into New Town and show everyone all the new changes there. It also hopes tp build a connection between New Town and the College.

“All the stores will hopefully be dressed up in green and gold ... making everything festive,” Constantine said.

## Fest raises funds for Liberia

By **ELIZABETH COLE**  
*The Flat Hat*

Saturday, the College’s first annual Fall Fest will take place in the Sunken Garden. The day-long festival will feature musical performances to raise money for Mission to Liberia, a non-profit organization that seeks to improve healthcare in Liberia. UCAB and Sigma Pi fraternity will co-host the event.

The Fall Fest will combine student musicians and nationally recognized bands. Beginning at noon, the main stage in the Sunken Garden will feature performances by established College band Ultra Violet Ballet, student Steve Hobbs and local band Rock River Gypsies, a band that originated at the College. Meanwhile the Crim Dell Amphitheatre will host African dance and drumming workshops. At 4:30 p.m. the Mission to Liberia presentation will explain how the proceeds will be used to construct a clinic for the war-torn nation.

The music will resume with the band Scott Fisher and the 1 a.m. Approach and will be followed by Stanley Poon and the Bone Diddleys. Headliner Recycled Percussion, a self-described “junk rock” band, will play at 8 p.m. at the Lake Matoaka Amphitheatre. The final act, The Afromative, begins at 9 p.m. in the Sunken Garden and will share its modern musical twist on African-inspired music.

Liberia is a country on the west coast of Africa that has endured two civil wars in the past 20 years. Ravaged by warfare, corruption and poverty, it is still recuperating from the end of its most recent war in

2003. Hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced, and the conflict left the Liberian economy decimated.

Mission to Liberia works to improve living conditions in the country. Its current project is to build a health clinic, maximizing donations by circumventing governmental oversight. Mission to Liberia stresses that while immediate relief is desperately needed for Liberia, a long-lasting infrastructure that can provide continuous healthcare is just as crucial.

“All aid is important,” Ian Keene-Babcock ’09, a Sigma Pi brother, said. “You can send food, supplies or vaccines, but to build a structure — a clinic that will stand for years to come and save hundreds of lives a day — is something that can stay with the WM community even after the festival is over.”

Inspired by a similar charity music festival this summer, Keene-Babcock solicited his fellow fraternity brothers for help in initiating the event. “The fraternities on this campus have so much potential,” he said. “WM Fall Fest is about realizing this potential. We hope this can inspire other social organizations to expand their horizons and start new projects. Creativity is something this campus does not lack, and it will be exciting to see how this evolves over the next two years.”

Sigma Pi and UCAB hope to raise awareness for the endeavor and reprise it as an annual event. They will gauge this year’s event and plan next year’s accordingly.

The eclectic performers emphasize the connection the Fall Fest strives to forge

with the Liberian people. The Afromative lends authentic flair. Though the dance troupe hails from Asheville, N.C., its nine-part ensemble incorporates tri-lingual music into its fusion of jazz and drum beats. Bandleader Kevin Meyame originates from West Africa, and since moving to America, has crossed musical and ethnic borders to create a unique performance. According to the Fall Fest website, “Singing in French, English and his native language of Baoule, as well as providing polyrhythms on djembe, Kevin adds an authentically African flavor to their nu-afrobeat sound.”

Headliner band Recycled Percussion is classified as “powerful industrial drumming backed by metal grinding guitar,” according to the Fall Fest website. They feature DJ Pharoah to contrast hip-hop and funk to their metal sound.

The UCAB music committee has been eyeing Recycled Percussion since a scouting conference last year. Representatives “came back raving about Recycled Percussion,” UCAB Music Chair Jeanna Occhiogrosso ’08 said. “They’ve been talking about the group for almost a year now, describing their performance as incredibly energetic, powerful and really entertaining. I’ve heard Recycled Percussion likened to Stomp, with trash cans as drums, an incredible DJ and an eye-catching lights show. We’re all really excited to see them again.”

Tickets are \$3 for students. They can be purchased at the UCAB box office in the University Center.



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT  
William and Mary Night at New Town will feature raffles, discounts and door prizes for students.

## Lessons from Boy Scout camp: the fine line between merit and latrine

**James Damon**  
CONFUSION CORNER COLUMNIST



Whenever I remember Boy Scout summer camp two sensations come to mind: constipation and exhaustion. This first pain I attribute to a lifelong fear of public restrooms. Every year my dad would smile and remind me to bring toilet paper with me. To be honest I do not know why he grinned. There’s nothing enjoyable about squatting over a hole in the ground and hoping you don’t poop on your shoes. Using a latrine is an act so shameful that it can turn even the most well adjusted boy Catholic, which explains my vow to go an entire week without using a square. Unfortunately this goal, like much of summer camp, always went to shit.

Getting past the constipation, my exhaustion stemmed from an endless barrage of merit badge classes. In this way, summer camp always reminded me of high school. I spent every hour in a class devoted to one merit badge. While many badges offered essential knowledge such as fire building, wilderness survival, and first aid, I favored that which would benefit me most. Who can say that my music appreciation class wouldn’t prove useful if I was lost in the woods? At least if I died on some endless track of wilderness I would know who Miles Davis was.

By my last year I was understandably jaded by the summer camp experience. The summer before I had only lasted four days before squatting, and my stomach still occasionally hurt from that struggle. I felt stuck. Nothing could top my previous summer, when three scouts from my troop got high and lit hay barrels on fire. I was ready for college and parties — instead, the only thing I had to look forward to would be the night we had ice cream. Unbeknownst to me, I was in for one behemoth surprise that year.

The instructor who taught my citizenship merit badge was beyond fat. I most remember his bulbous neck, which bulged out like a bowling ball under the pressure of his tight collar, and the giant pit stains shaped like gummy bears beneath

his arms. “My name is Chuck Peters, and I will be your merit badge counselor.”

He was a writer’s dream. A rotund man with big jowls that shook from side to side as he discussed the United States Supreme Court. William Faulkner would have loved to get inside Chuck Peters’ head for one minute. Sometimes in the middle of an explanation of the separation of powers he would suddenly shift the conversation toward topics like beer steins and the Vietnam War. “Sure Congress matters, but the U.S. government would be horse shit without strong armed forces.”

“What would a real man say is the most important branch of the U.S. Government?” he once asked us. We did not know. “Marines you sissies!” What would he think if I told him I disdained military service? If he learned of my lifelong desire to join the Peace Corps, would I leave his presence with less than three broken bones? I was terrified of ever upsetting him, so I mostly sat in the back of the room and stared at the folds in his chest fat. I watched the layers shift like tectonic plates as he breathed.

During my third day at camp I learned the source of Chuck Peters’ girth. While sitting outside of the wood burning shack I overheard several boys talking. “His plane crashed in the middle of Vietcong territory, and he had to survive for weeks carrying his injured friend on his back.” Evidently the only thing he could find to eat was eating monkey brains. After making it out of the jungle, he promised never to starve again, and obviously he hadn’t stopped eating since. I was impressed by his heroism, but part of me was disgusted at how Chuck Peters let himself go. War heroes ran for president and owned banks. They did not become obese and they certainly did not teach civics at a summer camp.

If a war hero could not do better, then where would a sissy of my caliber end up in life? I pondered this question as I sat outside the wood burning shack. The sky was tinged copper at the ends, and the sun had begun to dip behind some trees. My stomach rumbled angrily and I wondered if my body would explode from all the pressure. I still had an unused roll of toilet paper.

James Damon is a Confusion Corner columnist. To this day, he still hoards toilet paper — just in case.

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FROM THE SIDELINES

Four key call-ups to MLB's non-contenders

Christopher Burks  
FLAT HAT SPORTS COLUMNIST



With less than a month left in the regular season, Major League Baseball’s seemingly endless list of playoff contenders are gearing up for the stretch run. For many teams, however, the dream is over, and eyes must be cast to the future. In what has become an annual tradition, the league’s bottom feeders have begun taking advantage of the MLB’s September roster-expansion policy to call up promising minor league prospects, giving them a chance to show that they can perform at the major league level. For those fans that are watching their team wrap up another disappointing season, here are a few young potential stars whose play over the final two weeks can provide some consolation.

**1. Joey Votto (1B) Cincinnati Reds** – While pitching remains Cincinnati’s most glaring need, the team currently ranked fourth in the NL in runs scored has more firepower on the way in this 23-year-old first baseman. Ranked by Baseball America as the Reds’ third-best prospect entering the season, Votto had a monster season in Triple-A Louisville, hitting .294 with a .381 on-base percentage and a .478 slugging percentage in addition to 22 homeruns and 17 stolen bases. Having spent almost an entire season at the minors’ highest level, the big power hitter with surprising speed should supplant the weak-hitting Scott Hatteberg as next year’s opening day first basemen with even a remotely strong final month. In only his second game, Votto had three hits and a walk in only four plate appearances, including his first major league homerun, and has hit .438/.514/.750 with two homeruns and a stolen base in 11 games.

**2. Steve Pearce (1B) Pittsburgh Pirates** – Ranked only sixth at the beginning of the season in a shallow Pirates minor league system, the former eighth-round pick shot through the upper minors this year, displaying great offensive prowess in stints with High A Lynchburg, Double-A Altoona and AAA Indianapolis. The diminutive slugger, who is a mere 5’ 11” tall and 200 pounds, hit a combined .333/.394/.622 across his three stops while belting 31 homeruns and 40 doubles and stealing 14 bases. While Adam LaRoche is entrenched at first base, Pearce has seen considerable playing time in right field in the six games since his promotion, where, with a strong showing this fall, he could find a home next year. Over his first 14 games Pearce has held his own, recording .304/.360/.435 with four doubles.

**3. Troy Patton (SP) Houston Astros** – After dramatic second half surges pushed Houston into the playoffs in 2004 and 2005 and left them just short last year, it seems that the Astros have run out of that magic this year. With an older roster, thinner farm system and tighter budget than in previous years, the Astros must look internally to repair the gaping holes that have become apparent in the starting rotation. Houston could be better off heading into the off-season if Troy Patton, rated no. 2 overall prospect in the Astros’ system by Baseball America, proves down the stretch that he deserves a place in the starting rotation. Patton pitched admirably at the beginning of the season in AA Corpus Christi, going 6-6 with a 2.99 ERA and 68 strikeouts over 102 innings, before struggling at times in eight starts at AAA Round Rock, where he posted a 4.59 ERA with only 25 strikeouts in 49 innings. So far, Patton has pitched reasonably well at the major league level. Despite taking losses in both of his starts, Patton has a 3.55 ERA and 8 strikeouts in 12.2 innings.

**4. Edinson Volquez (SP) Texas Rangers** – Not surprisingly, yet another pitching-starved franchise is finding itself on the outside of the playoff picture looking in. Fortunately for the Texas Rangers, the 24-year-old right-hander is a dynamic pitcher who could anchor the team’s always potent lineup. This will be the third September “cup of coffee” for the electrifying Volquez, but with some success down the stretch he could prove himself too talented to be sent back to the minors. Volquez has always put up big strikeout numbers, sitting down 560 batters over 547 career minor league innings. His problems with control, however, have been equally evident. Even after a spectacular 2006 season for AAA Oklahoma, he was sent back to High A Bakersfield to begin 2007 to work on his command problems. Despite struggling in the hitter-friendly California league at Bakersfield, Volquez was quickly promoted and preceded to dominate at the AA and AAA levels, reducing his walks while still maintaining his strong strikeout numbers. At three minor league stops this season, Volquez went 14-6 with a 3.67 ERA and 166 strikeouts compared to just 60 walks in 144.2 innings. The Rangers can only hope that Volquez continues this progress and becomes the ace their staff desperately needs. In three starts for the Rangers this year, Volquez has shown flashes of brilliance, compiling a 4.24 ERA and 15 strikeouts over 17 innings.

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WOMEN’S TENNIS

Acharya takes third place in singles

Sophomore leads Tribe competitors at William and Mary Invitational

By CHLOE LEWIS  
The Flat Hat

This weekend the women’s tennis team hosted the 15th Annual William and Mary Invitational, featuring individuals from 13 teams from across the country. Eight of the 13 schools were ranked in the final Fila/ITA top-75 rankings of 2007, including regional foes Duke University, Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Virginia, among others.

Friday, the Tribe advanced players to the semifinals in both the singles and doubles brackets. Sophomore Ragini Acharya went onto the semifinals of the Flight A singles while junior Klaudyna Kasztelaniec moved into the semifinals in the Flight B singles bracket. The Tribe excelled in the Flight C singles bracket when both sophomores Magdalena Bresson and Lauren Sabacinski advanced to the semifinals.

The Tribe began doubles play Saturday. In the Flight A Doubles, the duo of Acharya and junior Katarina Zoricic fell 8-6 to Kosminskaya and Koulbitskaya from the University of Pennsylvania. In the winner’s consolation bracket, Acharya and Zoricic of the College defeated Stevens and Rales from U.Va. 8-6. In the Flight B Doubles bracket, the duo of Kasztelaniec and Zidek bested Nimitz and Downing from U.Va. 8-3.

During the semifinals, Riveliz and Anismova from Penn defeated Kasztelaniec and Zidek 8-5. In the Flight C Doubles the Tribe duo of Bresson and Sabacinski defeated MacKeever and Miller from Maryland 8-4. The College took the first place spot in the Flight C Doubles bracket with Bresson and Sabacinski beating Kardhordo and Arana from the University of Richmond 8-3. In the Flight A Singles bracket, Acharya lost in the semifinals to Marshall’s Schmitt 6-2, 6-4, and Zoricic fell in a tough match

to Melissa Sainotz of Princeton 4-6, 7-5 and 10-5. Flight B Singles semifinals saw Kasztelaniec defeat top-seeded Rivelis from Penn 6-3, 6-4. In Flight C Singles Bresson defeated Rales of U.Va. in the semifinals, while Sabacinski of the Tribe defeated Costa of Old Dominion University 6-3, 1-0 (retired). In Flight D Singles, Zidek lost to Attwell of Boston College 6-3, 6-3.

Sunday, the Tribe took fifth place in the Flight A Doubles bracket with Acharya and Zoricic defeating Yahner and Pereira of U.Va. 8-2. The Tribe duo of Kasztelaniec and Zidek lost 9-8 (5) to Plotkin and Zawacki of Duke in the third place match for Flight B Doubles. In the Flight A Singles bracket, Tribe player Acharya took third place, defeating Kosminskaya of Penn. While in Flight B Singles, the No. 2 seed Zsilinszka of Duke defeated Kasztelaniec 6-1, 6-2.

The College continues its fall season this weekend when it participates in the U.Va. Fall Invitational.

Defense comes up huge in double OT



SPENCER ATKINSON – THE FLAT HAT

The Tribe defense looks on as the referees measure after the final fourth and 1 play on which Liberty came up short. The Tribe won, 48-41 in double overtime.

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deal with injuries at the position, as word has now come out that Holmes is out for the season with an ankle injury. The injury could not have come at a worse time, as Holmes had the best game of his career Saturday night, hitting the holes hard and using his excellent speed to bounce runs to the outside.

While there certainly was concern for the receiving corps after junior D.J. McAulay went down with a season-ending knee injury in week one, Phillips’ targets have elevated their respective games in McAulay’s absence. Senior tight end Drew Atchison is fast becoming Phillips’ favorite weapon, as he consistently is able to find space in the heart of opposing defenses’ secondary, using his 6’7” frame to his advantage. Another player who is really beginning to emerge is junior wideout Elliot Mack. He displayed excellent speed and pass-catching ability, and is a player who gives the Tribe a big-play threat.

The defense did not fare nearly as well as their offensive teammates for much of the game Saturday night. Liberty’s primary tailback, Rashad Jennings, rushed for 114 yards and two touchdowns. The defensive scheme was also questionable to say the least, as the defensive backs consistently played off of their receivers, despite the fact that the

Liberty passing attack consisted only of dink-and-dunk 6-yard pass patterns that they used to march down the field. I’d be shocked if Liberty quarterback Brock Smith threw the ball farther than 10 yards down the field the entire game (his longest completion went for 19 yards). Why the defensive play calling was not adjusted to put more pressure on the Liberty wideouts at the line of scrimmage is a mystery to me.

When they needed it most, in double overtime, the Tribe defense stood strong and came up with a stop on fourth and 1 to win the game. As impressive as the play was, however, it must be noted that the officiating on the play was very questionable. Liberty head coach Danny Rocco made the point in the post-game press conference that the spot of the ball was adjusted to reflect the spot given by the official on the left side of the field, when the play was run to the right. The official on the right had given Liberty a much more generous spot (and from what it appeared, the more accurate one) than the one by the left official.

Nonetheless, the Tribe defense still deserves credit for making the play as they did, regardless of whether or not they caught a lucky break. And after all the injuries the team has suffered during this young season, the Tribe has certainly earned one.

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335 yards passing and three touchdowns. Phillips completed 20 of his 28 passing attempts, including an overtime touchdown pass to senior tight end Drew Atchison in the corner of the end zone. Phillips rushed for a touchdown in overtime as well, showing the versatility and strong decision-making that has elevated the junior from possible second-string quarterback to the FCS’s leading signal caller three weeks into the season.

“I can’t say enough for the play of Jake Phillips,” Laycock said. “I think Jake showed a lot of leadership and a lot of poise. He’s not going to force the ball and he’s not making bad decisions. That really helps you out offensively.”

Liberty led early on as the Flames tallied the only points of the first quarter on a Jennings touchdown run. The Tribe bounced right back, however, as Phillips led the offense on two scoring drives of 69 yards each to give the College a 17-13 halftime lead.

Cox fumbled a punt following the Flames’ opening drive of the second half, but the junior captain made up for it, intercepting a pass in the Tribe’s end zone.

“It was a great feeling because I felt like I let my team down when I dropped that punt,” Cox said. “When I made [the interception], I felt like I

redeemed myself. I didn’t want to let my teammates down. After making that play, I felt like I was embraced once again by my teammates. It felt good.”

Liberty overcame a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit to force overtime. The Flames scored the final points of regulation on a touchdown pass and successful two-point conversion with 20 seconds remaining in the game.

“You feel like you have the game in pretty good shape and then for them to score right in the end and then go to overtime, it would have been very easy for us to let down,” Laycock said. “But our guys stepped up and hung in there and made plays.”

The College moved its record to 4-0 vs. Liberty, but the new rivalry between the two schools is growing rapidly. Liberty’s football program has turned the corner this season, as evidenced by the Flames having entered Saturday’s contest with a 2-0 record. The Tribe used Liberty’s lofty status as motivation for what proved to be an important victory in the young season.

“It’s a really big win,” Phillips said. “Going into this game, we had a lot of fire, a lot of intensity. Everybody has been talking about how Liberty is this great team and people weren’t really even giving us a chance. That really helped start a fire under us. Today was big for us.”

Tribe gets revenge against Navy, knocks off UNC

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in the first round of the NCAA tournament and lost when Navy advanced on penalty kicks. The College came into this game at 2-2 while Navy came in unbeaten at 3-0-2.

Zimmeck and sophomore midfielder Sarah Quinlan led the Tribe offense in this game with two goals each. Kittleson and fellow senior midfielder Mary MacKenzie Grier contributed two and one

assists, respectively. By game’s end, the Tribe led Navy in shots 14-6, while Navy earned the game’s only corner kick. The College’s and Zimmeck’s first goal came in the 35th minute, when she gathered a loose ball and ripped a shot from 25 yards out into the left corner of the goal. Zimmeck scored again in the 52nd minute off a pass from Emily Kittleson, and Quinlan then tallied the next two goals of the game. Both of Quinlan’s goals came within a minute of each other.

“We kept it tight and descended well,” Coach Daly said. “The team knows how to defend and be patient with the buildup.”

Walker was named the CAA Player of the Week and the VCU/Ewing Sports Invitational’s Most Valuable Player as a result of her eight saves in two games, including the seven saves that came against UNC.

The Tribe returns home for a night match with SUNY—Albany tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Alburt-Daly Field.



SPORTS IN BRIEF

MEN'S TENNIS

Tribe advances to finals at Virginia Invitational

The men's tennis team opened the season at the Virginia Invitational this weekend. The Tribe's elite doubles team, comprised of senior Alex Cojanu and sophomore Keziel Juneau, was ranked 11th in the nation entering the tournament, but fell to U.Va.'s Singer and Singh 9-7 in the second round of the top-level A-1 division. Freshmen Ben Wirth fared better, beating three straight opponents before falling to Columbia's Kevin Kung 7-6, 6-2 in the final of the Brown Singles division. Senior Kavi Sud and freshmen Sebastian Vidal won the B-2 doubles title, defeating fellow teammates, junior Alex Zuck and sophomore Richard Wardell 8-3. The College will play next at the Virginia State Open, Sept. 28 to 30, while the top players head to Tulsa, Okla. for the All-American Championships starting Sept. 29.

WOMEN'S GOLF

College in third after day one; Stepanek ties record

After day one of the Colonial Women's Intercollegiate, the Tribe sits in third place, 10 strokes back of Florida Atlantic University and one shot behind the University of Richmond. Sophomore Morgan Stepanek shot a 32 on the front-nine en route to a school-record-tying round of 70 on the par-72 Jamestown Course at Williamsburg National Golf Club. Her strong play put her in a tie for second place and led the College to its round of 305 (+17). Classmate Brielle Paollini recorded a 75 and finished in ninth, while freshman Sarah Whitney and senior Misha Harvey shot matching 77s to sit at fourteenth. The Tribe wraps up play at the Colonial Women's Intercollegiate today.

— Men's Tennis by Jack Pollock. Women's Golf by Andrew Pike.

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

9/14 vs. Binghamton — W, 3-0  
9/14 vs. Princeton — L, 3-0  
9/15 vs. Liberty — L, 3-2  
9/15 vs. Villanova — L, 3-2

MEN'S SOCCER

9/14 vs. Temple — W, 3-1  
9/16 vs. Dartmouth — L, 2-1

FIELD HOCKEY

9/14 vs. Virginia — L, 2-1

SCHEDULE

Tues., Sept. 18

WOMEN'S GOLF

Colonial Women's Intercollegiate

VOLLEYBALL

@ Norfolk State — 7 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 19

WOMEN'S SOCCER

vs. ALBANY — 7 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

@ North Carolina — 7:30 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 21

FIELD HOCKEY

vs. NORTHEASTERN— 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

@ UNC Wilmington — 7 p.m.

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U.Va. Fall Invitational

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WOMEN'S SOCCER: TRIBE 1, UNC 0

Tribe slips past UNC in 84th minute

Zimmeck's header gives the College 1-0 victory; win marks program's first all-time against the Tar Heels

By JAMES PAGE  
The Flat Hat

Junior forward Claire Zimmeck's header in the 84th minute gave the Tribe a 1-0 upset victory over then-2nd-ranked University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill Sunday afternoon, in what will go down as one of the most impressive victories in the history of the Tribe's program. The College beat a team whose program has won 18 of 25 NCAA Championships; moreover, President Gene Nichol heralded the performance in a campus-wide e-mail. "We had a great performance defensively, and the entire team was

magnificent," Coach Daly said on TribeAthletics.com.

The College rebounded from a 1-1 record in the Tribe Invitational last weekend with a strong play in the VCU/Ewing Sports Invitational in Richmond. The College also defeated the United States Naval Academy 4-0 Friday prior to pulling off their extraordinary win against the Tar Heels. The two victories improved the Tribe's record to 4-2 on the season.

Before Sunday's win over UNC, the Tribe had never beaten the Tar Heels, compiling a 0-20-1 record in the series. The College's only goal of the match came when Zimmeck redirected senior

midfielder Emily Kittelson's pass with a header from five yards out.

During the game, the Tar Heels outshot the Tribe 17-1 and had a 10-1 advantage in corner kicks. Junior goalkeeper Meghan Walker notched seven saves to record a shutout and preserve the victory.

"It was a backs-to-the-wall sort of game," head coach John Daly said on TribeAthletics.com. "They do a great job of pressuring their opponents. It's not a case of what you can do but what you are allowed to do."

Last year the Tribe played Navy

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SPENCER ATKINSON — THE FLAT HAT  
Junior forward Claire Zimmeck, shown here against Maine Sept. 9, scored the game-winner against UNC.

Tribe 48



41 (2 OT)

Tribe survives



SPENCER ATKINSON — THE FLAT HAT  
Junior quarterback Jake Phillips scrambles for yardage in Saturday night's win. Phillips finished with 335 yards passing and 3 touchdowns, in addition to the game-winning rushing TD.

COMMENTARY

Phillips, Viola lift Tribe in close win

Jeff Dooley

FLAT HAT SPORTS EDITOR



In a game featuring a combined 89 points, a combined 909 total offense yards and two overtime periods, Tribe football needed a little bit of luck and the help of an unlikely contributor to defeat a very good Liberty University squad at a score of 48-41.

Junior quarterback Jake Phillips was on point from start to finish, making plays both with his arms and his legs, and also making great decisions. He spread the ball around to several different receivers and ended up with an outstanding stat line of 20 of 28 passing for 335 yards and three touchdowns, no interceptions, and the go-ahead rushing touchdown in double overtime.

But for all of Phillips' heroics, there was perhaps no player more instrumental in the Tribe victory than senior running back Tony Viola. Entering the game to replace the injured junior running back DeBrian Holmes (who had an excellent game in his own right — more on him later) in the 4th quarter, Viola ran for a hard-earned 57 yards on 15 carries and made big play after big play for the Tribe when they needed it late in the fourth quarter and into overtime. In contrast to the shiftier, speedier Holmes, Viola is a power back who plows forward with a full head of steam on every carry. He is going to be a very important player for the Tribe as they continue to

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BY THE NUMBERS

Game Stats

TOTAL YARDS

Tribe — 524  
Liberty — 385  
PENALTIES - YARDS  
Tribe — 13 - 87  
Liberty — 9 - 70

Individual Stats

PASSING

Jake Phillips — 20-28, 335 yards, 3 touchdowns

RUSHING

DeBrian Holmes — 23 carries for 96 yards, 2 touchdowns

RECEIVING

Drew Atchison — 6 catches for 103 yards, 1 touchdown

TRIBE PLAYER OF THE GAME

DeBrian Holmes, Tailback



The junior runner is now out for the season with an ankle injury, but deserves credit for an outstanding performance running the football, picking up 2 touchdowns on 96 yards rushing and making countless big plays for the offense.

GAME STORY

Defensive stand on 4th and 1 seals 2OT victory

By MILES HILDER  
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"Football is a game of inches," goes the old saying. Never has that statement been truer than Saturday night, as the Tribe held Liberty University inches short of a crucial first down to secure a 48-41 double-overtime victory over the Flames.

The game's decisive play occurred quickly, as Liberty tried to pick up a first down from just outside the Tribe's 15-yard-line, the spot the Flames needed to reach. Flames running back Rashad Jennings broke to the outside on the play, but he was gobbled up by a swarming Tribe defense that reacted swiftly to the run.

"The coaches had a good idea they were going to try and ram it down our throat," junior cornerback Derek Cox said. "They only needed a yard or so. They ran that play on us a couple times earlier in the game. The guys on the field just used their own intelligence and their own game smarts and rushed to the football. They had a great pursuit, a lot of guys got there and made the play."

The stop came as a shock to both sides, as the Flames and Tribe were expecting Liberty to convert on the short fourth down yardage. But when the head referee called for the "chains" to come out, the buzz inside Zable Stadium started to grow. After the official signaled that the Flames failed to pick up the first down, the crowd of 9,329 exploded in triumph.

"I don't know how they did it, I didn't know we stopped them," Head Coach Jimmye Laycock said. "I expected it to be a first down and we would have to go again. I was ready for a third overtime. But we made a play, somebody stepped up in there and we made a stop."

It was a big moment for a young Tribe defensive unit that has had trouble stopping the ball both on the ground and through the air this season. While the defense has struggled, allowing an average of 379.7 yards and 35.9 points per game, the offense has blossomed into the nation's leading attack.

Junior quarterback Jake Phillips continued his strong start, totaling

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